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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASYLUM BY NATIONAL OF GABON

1. SUMMARY: M. JEAN-PIERRE MINCKO, NATIONAL OF GABON, APPLIED TO EMBASSY CONSULAR OFFICER TODAY FOR ASYLUM AND A VISA TO ENTER THE U.S. MINCKO STATES HE IS THE NEPHEW OF FORMER PRESIDENT OF GABON, LEON MBA, AND BROTHER OF FORMER AMBASSADOR OF GABON TO GERMANY, GERMAIN MBA. MINCKO CLAIMS HE WAS ARRESTED DURING JULY, 1971 FOLLOWING THE ARREST OF HIS BROTHR ON JUL 9, 1971 AND IMPRISONED UNTIL HIS ESCAPE TO CAMEROON THIS MONTH. EMBASSY RECOMMENDED HE CONTACT GURC AUTHORITIES AND ALSO MENTIONED UNHCR. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE SUBJECT'S DATE OR PLACE OF BIRTH. SUBJECT HAS NO DOCUMENTS TO PROVE IDENTITY.

3. SUBJECT STATES CAMEROONIAN AUTHORITIES UNAWARE OF HIS PRESENCE IN CAMEROON. NO OTHER AUTHORITIES HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY MINCKO.

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4. MINCKO SAID THAT AT TIME OF BROTHER'S ARREST, A SCUFFLE

DEVELOPED AND MINCKO SHOT A "FRENCHMAN" AND HE THOUGHT MAY HAVE KILLED HIM. MINCKO FLED INTO THE BUSH BUT WAS ARRESTED THREE DAYS LATER WHEN HE RETURNED TO CHECK ON BROTHER'S FAMILY. HE WAS THEN IMPRISONED. HE PROFESSED NOT TO KNOW WHETHER HIS BROTHER IS DEAD OR ALIVE.

5. MINCKO SAID HE WAS TORTURED AND FINALLY SENT TO HOSPITAL TO RECOVER. HE CLAIMS TO HAVE ESCAPED FROM THE HOSPITAL ON AUGUST 7, 1973 WHILE HIS GUARD WAS DRUNK. HE STATES HE GOT ACROSS BORDER INTO CAMEROON UNDETECTED AND ARRIVED IN YAOUNDE ON AUGUST 11TH.

6. ACTION TAKEN: MINCKO CAN PRODUCE NO IDENTIFICATION AND DOES NOT APPEAR IN ANY IMMEDIATE DANGER. CAMEROON IS A SIGNATORY TO "THE PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE STATUS OF REFUGEES" DONE AT NEW YORK ON JANUARY 31, 1967. ACCORDINGLY EMBASSY SUGGESTED TO MINCKO THAT HE CONSIDER CONTACTING CAMEROONIAN AUTHORITIES. ALSO MENTIONED UNHCR WHICH, ALTHOUGH IT HAS NO REPRESENTATIVE HERE COULD PERHAPS BE CONTACTED THROUGH LOCAL UNDP OFFICE. EMBASSY BELIEVES CONDITIONS OUTLINED 2 FAM 229.2 GENERALLY APPLY; ALSO THAT IT UNWISE FOR US TO BE INTER-MEDIARY IN CONTACTING CAMEROON AUTHORITIES. ON BASIS SITUATION AS SEEN FROM HERE, WE WOULD DOUBT THAT ASYLUM IN U.S. WOULD BE WARRANTED.
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